

**Remarks**

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement of October 11, 2005.

Applicant hereby elects the claims of **GROUP I** (Claims 16 and 25-26) for substantive examination.

The claims of group II (claims 7-10 and 17-20) are currently withdrawn. Applicants respectfully request that these claims be considered for rejoinder with the claims of group I.

The claims of groups III (claims 11-16 and 25-26) are, for claim 11-16, cancelled herein. Claims 25-26, also a part of group I, remain pending.

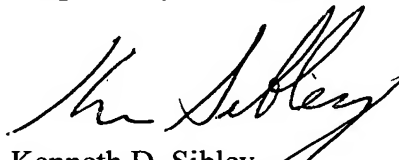
The claims of group IV (claims 21-24) are currently withdrawn. Applicants respectfully request that these claims be considered for rejoinder with the claims of group I.

A copy of the **International Preliminary Report on Patentability (IPRP)** issued in connection with the PCT counterpart of the instant case, is enclosed herewith to complete the record. Please note that claims 1-10 and 17-26 (corresponding to the claims of groups I, II and IV herein) are therein indicated to meet the requirements of novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for substantive examination, which action is respectfully requested.

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